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97/xx. Guidelines for improving the implementation of regional cooperation programmes

The Executive Board

1. Requests the Administrator to present to the Executive Board for its consideration and approval at the first regular session 1998, an implementation strategy paper for each individual regional cooperation programme; the implementation strategy papers should incorporate the following elements:

(a) The findings of the United Nations Development Programme evaluation entitled "Global, interregional and regional programmes: an evaluation of impact" (November 1996);

(b) A more detailed assessment of lessons learned from previous regional cooperation programmes and their integration into the programming and implementation of the next programmes;

(c) A narrow range of priorities and themes, within a programme-based approach, focusing on areas requiring regional cooperation;

(d) The identification of the role and comparative advantage of UNDP participation in initiatives for regional cooperation and its collaboration with relevant bodies of the United Nations system;

(e) Clear linkages between the thematic areas in regional programmes and global programmes and between the thematic areas and activities in regional programmes and priority programmes at the country level;

(f) A clear presentation of expected results, including identification of target groups and beneficiaries;

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(g) A clear linkage, using a logical framework, between programme objectives and available resources for implementation;

(h) An estimate of resource allocation among thematic areas and institutions;

2. Also requests that each implementation strategy paper contain a systematic strategy for monitoring and evaluation, including practical performance indicators and benchmarks, which will enable the Executive Board to assess the impact of regional cooperation programmes;

3. Emphasizes the need for clear, concise language in the presentation of the regional implementation strategy papers;

4. Also emphasizes the regional ownership of the regional programmes and the importance of regional execution, including by non-governmental organizations, think tanks, the private sector and other regional and national institutions;

5. Further emphasizes the need to utilize sustainable approaches in the design and implementation of thematic initiatives included in the regional cooperation programme;

6. Requests the Administrator to submit at the second regular session 1999, the mid-term reviews of all regional programmes approved in 1997;

7. Also requests the Administrator, based on the experience gained during the implementation of the present decision, to elaborate strategic guidelines for the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of regional programmes that will apply to all regions.

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97/xx. United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Executive Board

1. Welcomes the report of the Administrator (DP/1997/9);

2. Endorses the implementation of the new policy focus of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, which concentrates its activities on local governance, decentralization, participation and micro-credit;

3. Also endorses the current reorganization efforts, with a view to creating a more decentralized and effective organization and recommends that in the monitoring and evaluation, particular attention should be given to the modus operandi of the Fund and the relationship between headquarters and the field;

4. Encourages the Fund and UNDP to intensify their collaboration in all relevant areas, including in the design and implementation of country cooperation frameworks, taking into account the comparative advantages of the Fund, e.g., in the field of local governance and micro-financing;

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5. Requests the Fund to improve the dissemination of successful project and programme experience in order to foster replication of these successes;

6. Welcomes the commitment of a number of donor countries to support the Fund in a more predictable and assured manner and invite traditional and new donors as well as recipient countries to contribute to the Fund;

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DRAFT DECISION

97/xx. Guidelines for enhancing internal oversight mechanisms in UNDP/UNFPA

The Executive Board

1. Requests the Administrator and the Executive Secretary to invite the Under-Secretary General for Internal Oversight Services to present formally to the Board at its annual session 1997 the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office for Internal Oversight Services (A/51/801); and to comment on the applicability of the findings and recommendations contained in the report to the United Nations Development Programme and to the United Nations Population Fund;

2. Also requests that the Administrator and the Executive Director comment, at the annual session, on the applicability to UNDP, UNDP-administered funds and UNFPA of the findings and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/801); and report on systems in UNDP and UNFPA and actions taken relating to these findings and recommendations.

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